



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Community action agencies were created when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, community action agencies have a 40-year history of promoting self-sufficiency for the limited income; and

WHEREAS, community action agencies have made an essential contribution to individuals and families in Louisiana by providing them with innovative and cost-effective programs; and

WHEREAS, community action agencies are needed as major participants in the reform of the welfare system as we know it; and

WHEREAS, welfare reform in Louisiana has benefited from the state's partnership with community action agencies; and

WHEREAS, the limited income continue to need opportunities to improve their lives and their living conditions, thus ensuring that all citizens are able to live in dignity; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana and the entire United States must continue to wage war on poverty by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2004, as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH
in the state of Louisiana, in recognition of the hard work and dedication of Louisiana's community action agencies.



Attest By
The Governor

Joseph S. Keithen
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 6th day of May
A.D., 2004*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana